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SWARTHOUT SLATES CONTROLLED
SCRIMMAGE SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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Following two days in pads which featured one-half hour scrimmage sessions, the 1969

Montana Grizzlies will plunge into their first long scrimmage session Saturday afternoon at 3 at New Dornblaser Stadium.

Coach Jack Swarthout plans about one and one-half hours of controlled scrimmage with equal concentration on offensive and defensive sides. The Gold, or first offense will work against the Green, or second defense with the Red, or second offense, taking on the Blue, or first defense.

"Considering we haven't had much polish work, and we've only been in pads for a couple of days, the scrimmages have looked pretty good," Swarthout said Friday. "But we've got a long way to go."

Montana opens Sept. 13 at Grand Forks against the University of North Dakota Sioux.

Several players, old veterans and newcomers alike, came in for praise for their Thursday and Friday scrimmage efforts.

One-year veteran Jim DeBord, junior from Pasco, Wash., has been working at both split end and tight end, and Swarthout lauded his blocking and overall efforts during the first scrimmages.

"Roy Robinson looked outstanding in his first game-type try at defensive halfback," Swarthout said. Robinson, a senior two-year letterman from Glasgow, hasn't seen defensive and work since the East-West Shrine high school game of 1966, had many fine hits during the Thursday and Friday sessions.

Swarthout mentioned that Mike Buzzard, last year's leading rusher who sat out during spring drills with a leg injury, is coming back strong and will push sophomore Casey Reilly of Anaconda for his old starting spot at left half. Reilly also came in for some praise for his fine running efforts.

Buzzard is a senior one-year veteran from Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Swarthout said that sophomore halfback Jim Schillinger of Vida (Circle High) has been a pleasant surprise so far. "His blocking and running have been excellent," the head coach said.